

BIGGER THAN EVER

SCOPE OF PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE INDIANA COAL MINES

State Combination, with Fifteen Millions Capital, to Be Part of a Circumlocutionary National Merger.

SAW THE MURDER COMMITTED

WIFE OF ROBERT CLARK TESTIFIES AS TO HIS CRIME.

**Suicide of a Boone County Farmer as
a Result of Long-Continued
Trouble with a Neighbor.**

ELKS' CIRCUS AT FORT WAYNE

**BIG PARADE PRECEDES OPENING OF
THE PURPLE SHOW.**

**Queer Outcome of Terre Haute Saloon
Fight—Lockout at Noblesville—An-
derson Young Woman Killed.**

CHICAGO, June 12.—Chicago capitalists are behind a movement for the consolidation of all the coal mining companies of Indiana. Options on a score of Indiana mines owned by Chicago firms were secured to-day by John S. Bays, of Sullivan, Ind., and the combination, which is to have a capital of \$15,000,000, will be formally launched in a few days.

The Chronicle to-morrow will say: "The

consolidation of the Indiana mines is but the forerunner of a greater coal trust that is to embrace practically all of the coal-producing States. As soon as the Indiana combination is effected an organization of the Illinois mines will be formed. Combinations among the mine owners of Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio, which have existed for some time, will be consolidated with the Illinois and Indiana combinations with a capitalization of \$300,000,000."

John S. Bays, who has charge of the preliminary work, announced to-night that

over 75 per cent. of all the mines in Indiana were held in option by the proposed trust. To-day he called on many of the Chicago companies and by to-morrow he claims he will have options on the mines owned by the following companies: L. A.

Dickason Coal Company, New Pittsburgh Coal and Coke Company, Keller Coal Company, Washington Fuel Company, Rainbow Coal and Mining Company, Harder & Hafe Coal Mining Company, Torrey Coal and Mining Company and the Hymera Coal and Mining Company.

"There are about 130 large coal mines in Indiana," said Mr. Bays, "that will be a party to the agreement. I have at present options on one hundred or so, and securing options on the others is but a question of delay the week. The money behind the

In addition to bringing into the consolidation all the operating coal mines, the promoters are taking steps to lease all the coal lands in the State to prevent their being

ing operated by competitive capital.

SAW MURDER DONE.

Wife of Robert Clark Testifies of His Crime at East Converse.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., June 13.—The trial of

Robert Clark, an East Converse saloon keeper, on the charge of murder, commenced in court here to-day. The State expects to convict Clark on the testimony of his wife. The murdered man was a stranger, who was buried unidentified. He

take employment in the Converse factory. The victim was named in the indictment as "Jack the Jagger." His mutilated body was found concealed near the Clark saloon and Clark was arrested for the killing. It is alleged that Clark killed the "Jagger" with a billie because he trotted an objectionable figure on the arm of Clark's son. The trial was held in the Clark murder trial to-day Mrs. Emma Clark, wife of the accused saloon keeper, Enoch Clark, was present.

testified to seeing her husband kill "Jackie the Jagger," saw the blow struck and saw the man stagger and fall dead. The killing occurred nearly two years ago, though the matter being kept a secret. The surprising verdict was that the man died of sunstroke. Later Clark and his wife had a quarrel and she revealed the murder secret that resulted in Clark's arrest.

tion of evidence in the Jones murder trial was concluded this evening. Argument will be made to-morrow. The defendant and his wife testified, both standing by the self-defense theory, while the widow of the dead man and William Campbell swore that Jones shot the man without warning or opportunity of defense. The widow of the murdered man, who had been in jail for weeks, held by the State as a witness, was to-day released after her testimony was concluded.

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TROUBLE PREYED ON HIS MIND.

**Suicide of S. C. Campbell, Farmer in
Vicinity of Thorntown.**

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
THORNTOWN, Ind., June 13.—S. C.

Campbell, a successful farmer, committed suicide early this morning by hanging himself in his barn, on the farm, about two miles southeast of Thorntown. The suicide is the culmination of a long series of unfortunate incidents. His wife found him dead, having asphyxiated soon after 3 o'clock.

and found he was absent from the room. A search by herself and neighbors subsequently called in resulted in the ghastly discovery.

On April 27 of last year Campbell was shot and twice wounded by Joseph Reese, the affray being the result of a family feud.

of long standing. Reese was acquitted on the charge of attempted murder, after a trial in the Boone Circuit Court, but Campbell afterward brought suit to recover \$20,000 from Reese, the case not yet having been set for trial, however. The constant suspense and suffering from his wound deranged his mind.

Shot the Marshal and Escaped.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
NEW CASTLE, Ind., June 13.—Marshal
Carl Fitch, of this city, arrested a man
named Frank Smith, to-day, in possession
of a horse and wagon. The arrest was

made in the country and as they were